

13 P = " to -- $P_{\max}/(2\pi rT \sin \theta)$, where P_{\max} = --.

Page 35, line 17, change "t=the undeformed" to --T= the undeformed--.

Page 36, line 2, delete "maximum".

Page 36, line 2, after "time to", insert the words -- puncture from--.

Page 36, line 4, after "samples.", insert

--Those skilled in the art will recognize that equipment dimensions such as the drop height, striker shaft length and/or mass of the crosshead assembly may be increased to accommodate testing of hard to puncture films.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 79 and 86 as follows.

79. (Amended) A flexible film, as defined in claim 78, wherein said film comprises:

a heat sealing surface layer comprising a polymer selected from the group consisting of: (a) at least 50% by weight of a copolymer of propene and at least one α -olefin selected from the group consisting of ethylene, butene-1, methylpentene-1, hexene-1, octene-1 and mixtures thereof having a propene content of at least 60 wt. %, and (b) at least 50% by weight of a copolymer of ethylene and at least one α -olefin selected from the group consisting of propylene, butene-1, methylpentene-1, hexene-1, octene-1 and mixtures thereof having a melting point of at least 105°C and a density of at least 0.900 g/cm³;

an intermediate layer;

a core layer;

an outer protective surface layer;

wherein at least one of said intermediate and said outer protective layers comprise said polymer blend [defined in

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claim 72] of at least three copolymers, and said core layer is disposed between said intermediate and said outer protective layers, and said film has a hot water seal strength of at least 200 seconds at 95°C.

Claim 80, line 2, after "comprising", insert -a polymeric blend A comprising-.

86. (Amended) A process, as defined in claim [84] 80, wherein a multilayer primary tube is made by coextrusion or coating lamination and said resultant biaxially stretched film comprises:

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a heat sealing surface layer comprising a polymer selected from the group consisting of: (a) at least 50% by weight of a copolymer of propene and at least one α -olefin selected from the group consisting of ethylene, butene-1, methylpentene-1, hexene-1, octene-1 and mixtures thereof having a propene content of at least 60 wt. %, and (b) at least 50% by weight of a copolymer of ethylene and at least one α -olefin selected from the group consisting of propylene, butene-1, methylpentene-1, hexene-1, octene-1 and mixtures thereof having a melting point of at least 105°C and a density of at least 0.900 g/cm³;

an intermediate layer;

a core layer comprising at least 80% by weight (based on said third layer's weight) of at least one copolymer of: EVOH; or vinylidene chloride with from 2 to 20 weight percent (based on said copolymer's weight) of vinyl chloride or methyl acrylate; and

an outer protective surface layer;

wherein at least one of said intermediate and said outer protective layers comprise said polymeric blend A [defined in claim 80], and said core layer is disposed between said